

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. CHAIRPERSON Myrna Warrington called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrna Warrington, Greg Smith, David Miller, Dave Corn, Rick Warrington, Dave Grignon, Betty Jo Wozniak and Lisa Gast. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Kevin Staus-Indian Health Services and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Update on the Neopit Lagoon Waste Water System: Discussion/Recommendations

Kevin Staus from Indian Health Service updated the Committee on the updates to the treatment facility. This project has been ongoing since 2006. All the reconstruction work would not affect any of the Tribe's sensitive areas. This lagoon lifespan is around 25-30 years.

The type of system that will be installed in Neopit is a small aerated lagoon and this system will meet the needs of the community. Mr. Staus explained the different types of systems and why this aerated lagoon system was selected for the Neopit area.

The discharge options were the subsurface/seepage discharge and a surface water discharge. Mr. Straus explained to the Committee that it was cost effective for the Tribe to approve the discharge the effluent to subsurface via the seepage cells.

If this area is selected, the Tribe would have to confirm that the zoning area is for a utility district only and not for residential use.

If the Tribe approves this project, a variance would have to be granted as stated in Ordinance #87-28 (Groundwater Regulations) to support the nitrate/nitrogen levels.

If the Tribe approves this project, a Resolution stating that there will not be any further development in this area due to the Lagoon being in this area is necessary due to there may be seepage into the groundwater.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to approve the recommended options for the treatment and disposal of wastewater using a standard aerated option and subsurface seepage cells. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to granting itself a variance to the Ordinance in order to deal with the issue with the levels of nitrates/nitrogen allowed in the groundwater. Second was by Lisa Gast. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature that a Resolution is passed to prohibit the construction of potables water wells (public or private) in the land west and south of the lagoons up to Tourtillott creek. Second was by Gregory Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

The Committee will meet and discuss the approval of the Certified Survey Map when it becomes available so that the land can be removed from sustain yield. The removals of any lands from sustain yield runs from 60 – 90 days.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office